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Haliburton joins junior A league

Wolves will be newest team in Greater Metro Hockey League

JENN WATT
Editor

By September, Haliburton should have a new junior A hockey team in town ready to do battle with the other 29 teams in the Greater Metro Hockey League.

On April 2, Dysart et al councillors and staff gathered at the A.J. LaRue arena in the village to welcome the team's owner Stephane Laveault, who has committed to starting a team in Haliburton.

"We are very excited to come here," said Laveault, a Toronto-based businessman and former minor hockey coach.

"To me, minor hockey is important and it's nice to give the kids an extra couple years to play hockey. And small towns are great for that."

The team will be called the Haliburton Wolves and recruitment is underway. The owner said he will be holding hockey camps in town to get a sense of the local talent pool for players age 16 to 21. Players will also be recruited nationally and internationally.

"We're not bound by regions just to look for players. We can look for players everywhere," he said.

The GMHL has been around
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Springing ahead no matter what

Six-year-old Tavia Harris, a Stuart Baker Elementary School student, doesn't let the cool spring temperatures stop her from biking at Head Lake Park on Easter Monday in Haliburton.
/DARREN LUM Staff

Dysart takes first step in economic development strategy

ANGELICA BLENICH
Staff Reporter

A recurring theme from the 2014 municipal election was addressed head on when approximately 100 members of the community gathered at the Haliburton Curling Club on April 2 to take the first step toward the creation of an economic development strategy.

Titled Community Economic Development 101, the workshop was hosted by the municipality of Dysart and facilitated by the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, with the goal of identifying and exploring strategies and ideas to help increase economic development in the area.

A cross-section of the community attended the workshop, including local politicians, business leaders, recreation and health activists, volunteers and seniors, bringing to light varied issues that many sectors of the community are faced with in terms of economic development.

Youth retention, job opportunities, housing options and less seasonal employment were issues that were raised as obstacles to economic development, with many if not all of the attendees highlighting the importance of making Haliburton an attractive place to work, live and retire.

"I want to keep my three kids here but it is a struggle," said Barry Boice, owner of Blair Sand and Gravel.

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A Note to Readers

Due to a printer's error, the Minden Subaru advertisement in last week's Progress 2015 was misprinted. Progress 2015 will be reprinted in its entirety and will be available later this month. The publication can be read online at haliburtonecho.ca or mindentimes.ca in the meantime. We apologize for this unfortunate error.

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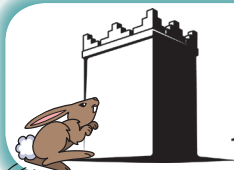


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Election expenses reveal cost of campaigns

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

The numbers are in and for certain politicians in the county, the 2014 municipal election turned out to be a costly one.

All candidates who ran in the October election were required to have election expenses submitted no later than March 27.

While some candidates chose to spend very little on their campaigns, particularly those who were acclaimed, others spared little expense, spending upwards of \$17,000.

In the race for reeve of Dysart, candidate Janis Parker spent more than \$19,000 on her campaign, however \$2,221.90 was not subject to the spending limit. Parker did not accept any outside contributions for her campaign.

The biggest expense Parker incurred was advertising costs, on which she spent more than \$7,200.

Running against Parker, candidate and now Reeve Murray Fearrey spent more than \$16,000 on his campaign, with about \$1,300 not subject to the spending limit.

Fearrey accepted a total of \$4,100 in outside financial contributions towards his campaign. The biggest expense in Fearrey's campaign was brochures and flyers, costing \$7,900.

The spending limit issued by the Dysart municipal clerk for the position of reeve was \$18,688.55.

The race for deputy-reeve in Dysart was not quite as costly for candidates Andrea Roberts and Dennis Casey.

Although they each could have spent up to \$16,188 on their campaigns, neither came close, with Roberts spending of about \$4,400 and Casey about \$6,000.

Neither Roberts nor Casey accepted outside financial contributions.

In Highlands East, the race for the position of reeve saw candidate Steve Cosentino running against incumbent and elected candidate Dave Burton.

The spending limit for the reeve campaign was \$14,812, with Burton spending about \$3,800 on his campaign.

Burton did not accept any outside contributions and his biggest expense was for signs and brochures, which rang in at about \$1,400.

Cosentino spent about \$4,500 on his campaign and accepted \$1,000 from outside contributions.

Highlands East Deputy-reeve Suzanne Partridge spent about \$3,200 on her campaign, of which \$2,000 was spent on flyers and brochures. Partridge accepted \$1,000 in outside financial contributions.

The spending limit issued by the municipal clerk for the campaign was \$7,259.30.

Running against Partridge was candidate Adam Szelei, who spent a total of just over \$2,800 on his campaign expenses.

Szelei's biggest expense was for signs, which cost just over \$1,200. The candidate had \$800 in outside contributions donated to his campaign expenses. His allotted spending limit was the same as Partridge's.

Candidates are required to submit a breakdown of their expenses, including costs, contributions from individuals and businesses, expenses not subject to the spending limit, etc.

Municipal elections in Ontario are governed under the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, according to the Dysart et al website.

For the full and detailed list of candidate expenses, visit www.dysartetal.ca and www.highlandseast.ca.

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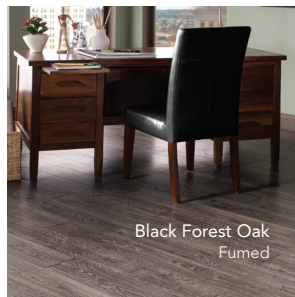
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Ideas and goals shared at workshop

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sultant Judy Coward said the goal of community economic development is to address many of these issues through business expansion and retention programs, counselling, mentorship programs, incubators and workshops.

Heather Candler, an agriculture and rural economic development advisor, pointed to things such as buy local initiatives, networking, familiarization tours, good customer service and proper infrastructure as just some of the tools to help attract and keep businesses in the area.

"Never take your foot of the gas, just when you think you've got there ... you can't let off. You have to keep working at this issue," said Candler, on the important of always working on economic development.

A portion of the workshop offered participants an opportunity to brainstorm and work collaboratively on gathering ideas on business development for the area.

"This little exercise has opened up a lot of lines of communication," said Jerry Walker, owner of Walker's Home Hardware. "It's identified that there's a lot of ideas, there's a lot of thoughts, but also there's a lot of work to be done. I think we have to bite it off in little bites and get ourselves organized."

One example of how Dysart is leading the way in economic development is in business incubators, said participant and Haliburton County Development Corporation consultant Jim Blake.

"Dysart is leading the way, probably nationally, in terms of being a very small rural community that actually has two business incubators, one here in town and Abbey Gardens is now doing one that's focused on agri-food business as well," said Blake. "Not only is that creating new businesses, creating new jobs, providing mentorship, but it's also creating jobs that are attracting and retaining skilled youth to our community."

Ideas to retain more youth included focusing more on skilled trades in the area and offering specialized training and apprenticeship classes at the high school.

Another key issue that is vital to strong economic growth and sustainability is that of clean water, said participant Barb Bolin.

"If we don't have clean water we don't have a construction industry ... we have land values going down ... there needs to be an educational program and a mandatory septic inspection that will happen here in the next 10 years," said Bolin.

One idea that Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey proposed to help economic development right away was better attention to customer service in the county.

"The customer service stinks," he said. "We could all do better at that and fix this right away."

Fearrey highlighted the importance of welcoming people into the community and the impact of saying simple things such as thank you.

Information and ideas gathered at the meeting will be organized and discussed by Dysart council, with more public consultations to be held in the near future, said Coward.

Fearrey proposed meeting again in June.

Looking ahead to next steps, the municipality will be taking all the paperwork that was compiled from the participants, and creating a summary document that they can use to start to look for common themes, objectives and ideas, said Dysart chief administrative officer Tamara Wilbee.

"I think from there, we will probably meet with OMA-FRA staff again to review these outcomes and figure out a strategy for moving forward in terms of reporting back to the public, developing a committee and reaching out to find more interested people wanting to work on more fully developing specific goals and objectives around specific themes. This detail becomes the basis for the development of the overall community based economic development strategic plan," Wilbee wrote in an email to the paper.



The community gathered at the Haliburton Curling Club on April 2 to discuss ideas and strategies for economic development in the area. A joint partnership between the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and the municipality of Dysart, the workshop included activities for participants to share ideas, collaborate and discuss issues to help the municipality move forward. /ANGELICA BLENICH Staff



Dozens of members of the community, including Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey, front right, gathered at the Haliburton Curling Club to discuss ideas and strategies for economic development in the area.



Dysart Deputy-reeve Andrea Roberts was one of many participants in a community economic development workshop held on April 2 at the Haliburton Curling Club in partnership with the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs. The half-day event tackled issues such as job retention, employment strategies, housing and more.

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Never take your foot of the gas, just when you think you've got there ... you can't let off.”

— Heather Candler
 Agriculture and rural economic development advisor, OMAFRA



Brandon Pettipas-Elkins and brother Tristin help pour sap into a bucket behind the school. They boiled it down into syrup. The surplus was given to the students who helped collect the sap. Equipment for the boil down and collection was provided through a program enhancement fund.



Students learn about syrup

Sap drips from a tree after the collection bucket was taken on Tuesday afternoon.

Photos by Darren Lum



JDHES student Tyler Ewing carries his bucket of sap down from the hill on Tuesday March 31 behind the school. The sap collection was done so they could boil it down to make maple syrup and host a pancake event for their school.



J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School student Tristin Pettipas-Elkins shows sap in a bucket behind the school. The Practical Academic and Life Skills student and his six peers learned how to harvest food from the wild. /DARREN LUM Staff



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Red Hawks turn blue for World Autism Day

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Around the world, famous landmarks and monuments such as Macau Tower in China, New York's Empire State Building and the London's Trafalgar Square were bathed in blue light to raise awareness about Autism.

Students, Student Government who helped paint faces blue, and faculty at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School also put their best show of blue forward, as part of their support for the Autism Speaks Light it Up Blue campaign on April 2 marking World Autism Day.

The second-year event for the high school encouraged students and faculty to show their support by wearing blue and raising money from a bake sale and the sale of puzzle keychain, which were made by PALS (Practical Academics and Life Skills) students.

Event collaborator Brianne Pockett, who worked with Michele Shapiera and Judi Paul on this eventsays it's important to raise awareness about all disabilities.

"I think it helps get the students involved and it brings a lot of us together to put this together," she said, referring to the PALS students, the staff and the faculty. "It just brings you together for ... for something very good."

The money raised goes to Autism Ontario and to the local community. Col-

lection jars were placed in every class in the lead up to the day.

Draw tickets were given for every bake sale or keychain purchase or donation made on World Autism Day. The prizes included NHLer Matt Duchene signed Colorado Avalanche paraphernalia, Touch of Class prize, and a "treat party" or "treat meal" for five by a teacher.

The baked goods, which included brownies and puzzle "peace" cookies (with student made cookie cutters), were made by PALS students and faculty. The blue puzzle piece is used as symbol for the neurological disorder.

As an added incentive to raise funds, faculty, including the interim vice-principal and the principal put up their vanity and put aside their own comfort for the cause by giving students a reward for certain fundraising totals.

At \$200, teacher Michelle Backus agreed to wear "very fancy outfit" starting Thursday and then every Friday for April. Teacher Chris Simpson agreed to shave his beard for \$400 while teacher Jessica Lloyd promised to have a bucket of blue slime "blueze" dumped on her for \$600.

New art teacher Aimee Bulloch, who is afraid of bugs, has agreed to wear a clear box filled with close to three dozen live crickets on her head for \$800.

Interim vice-principal Dave Waito will eat one live mealworm for every \$100 with a \$1,000 minimum. Pockett said she will purchase at least 12 meal worms.

The school's principal Dan Marsden has offered the hair on his legs for \$1,200 raised. Touch of Class's owner Sharon Rowden has volunteered to professionally wax Marsden's legs (up to the knee) for the event. If successful, Pockett said she plans this to happen either Thursday or Friday at the lunch hour.

Pockett said for the students with autism this is a great opportunity to not just raise awareness, but also to feel empowered.


"The major thing is they always want to be included. I think that is a big thing and this day helps. The kids are seeing this is about them and they're going to be involved with the bake sale and assisting with the staff members. They enjoy that. They enjoy feeling like they are included that they are part of it and it brings them into the light," she said.

The school raised \$1255. All teachers will be following through with the incentives they provided the students.





Light it up blue

Teacher Lisa Phillips prepares to lift the autism awareness flag at J.D. Hodgson Elementary School on Thursday, April 2. The day is World Autism Awareness Day and students were encouraged to "light it up blue" by wearing blue clothes. Students raised money for the flag earlier in the year. Phillips said the weeklong campaign is about emphasizing that difference should be celebrated at JDHES. /JENN WATT Staff



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Light it up

ACROSS THE province, our schools are focusing on celebrating difference. Entire departments exist for the sole purpose of supporting the emotional side of childhood, recognizing that schools aren't just for learning skills and facts, but places to learn how to be full human beings.

Trillium Lakelands District School Board is particularly active in this respect.

A continuation of that theme came up last week when local schools embraced the Light It Up Blue campaign for autism awareness.

Teachers cheered on their pupils as they donned blue garments to mark the occasion and students prompted each other to be accepting toward those who saw the world through a different lens.

At J.D. Hodgson Elementary School, teacher Lisa Phillips framed the day not so much in terms of autism – though that is certainly part of what she talks about – but in normalizing difference.

It might sound like an oxymoron, but the concept is sound. All around us are those who are different. They are often the ones who bring the most interesting ideas to the table; they are the ones who make life interesting.

They are also those who tend to be picked on, ostracized and bullied.

But that is changing.

In a recently released TED Talk online, Monica Lewinsky speaks movingly about her experiences being bullied online and the power of compassion. With great insight, she outlined the best ways to make a better environment on the Internet, but her thoughts can easily be extrapolated to the physical world.

"We all want to be heard," she says in the talk, "but let's acknowledge the difference between speaking up with intention and speaking up for attention."

When people brought gleeful cruelty to stories about Lewinsky online, she said the power of the few spreading compassion helped to mitigate the damage done.

"Even empathy from one person can make a difference. The theory of minority influence ... says that even in small numbers, when there's consistency over time, change can happen," she says.

If our schools are any gauge, change is also happening in large numbers.

On April 2, World Autism Day, students were swept up in the movement, motivated by kindness.

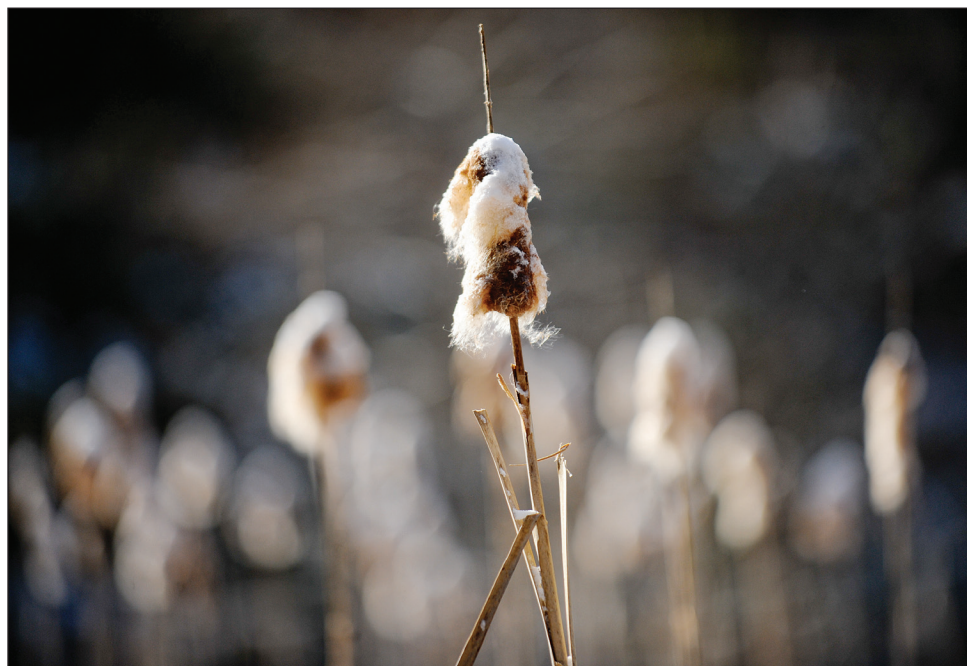
Campaigns of acceptance are altering the way kids think about each other and society. As they take these sentiments forward, imagine the potential shift in our culture we could see in the next decade or two.

Online and off, we all benefit by choosing empathy over apathy – a lesson the students reminded us of last week.



jenn watt

Editorial



Cattail

by Darren Lum

Spring into action

APRIL IN THE Highlands. Spring is here. Well, maybe not quite here but it is very close and I am looking forward to watching for robins and gazing at the magic that is melting lake ice. One of my life's little pleasures is the quiet of morning coffee and watching the ice melt. This could be because I don't want to talk or do anything before coffee or just because melting ice has its own mesmerizing impact. However, enough of that.

Spring is also the time to get moving and spring into action. The BIA is ready for spring and exciting times are ahead. Already this year, two guest presentations at BIA meetings have outlined new proposals.

At the February meeting, the BIA was invited to support and participate in the OHvation Program which has been designed by the Ontario Highlands Tourism Organization (OHTO). It includes a customer service survey to be used in Haliburton County this summer. The process is similar to a "secret shopper" program.

At the March meeting, we were asked to support a new idea for a weekly hop on, hop off bus that will make stops in the county and in the village. As well, we were invited to continue our support of the Haliburton Rotary Club's Music in the Park concerts and we look forward to doing so! If your organization has a new idea that promotes and recognizes

Haliburton Village as a happening, dynamic place to visit and shop, we would love to hear from you! If you are planning a special activity or event, we would love to hear from you. Contact me at haliburtonbia@mail.com.

The Haliburton BIA is also springing into action getting everything organized and in place for making the village come alive with banners, flags and, of course flowers. Imagine 60 hanging baskets of beautiful red begonias. That's 12 more baskets than the previous year as we stretch our beautifica-

tion projects to reach more of our BIA area.

But don't wait for the flowers, spring into action now with a stroll to see what's new for spring in our many stores and businesses. Visit a gallery, the library or enjoy lunch with a friend. Add some spring to your step by joining the Walking Wednesdays Group who meet each week at 9:30 a.m. at the Rails End. Make use of the tennis courts, the basketball hoops, or just

come play in the park. Bring the family to town and have a spring picnic by the lake.

Get your tickets for the Highlands Little Theatre performance of *Pirates of Penzance* April 16 to 19. Come to the village. It is our town. It is our home and we make it a wonderful place to live, work and play. Spring into action! See you in the village.

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points of view

Live and let liver

THIS WEEK, FOR THE MOST part, I am living the life of a bachelor. That doesn't just mean I'll spend most of my time in track pants either.

No, it also means I'll let my hair down a bit and howl at the moon, if I can stay up that late.

That, by the way, is the down side of being a middle-aged bachelor.

The point is my better half has gone to visit her family for a few days and I am left alone to my own devices. I'm not going to get sentimental about this but I will say, if you see me walking around town this week with tears in my eyes at least you'll know the reason why.

That's right! I get to eat liver and onions again!

Ah, liver and onions...

Like most men, this is something I only get to consume when my spouse is not in the house – or, more accurately, within 100 miles of the house.

Most men will not find this so unusual.

You see, over the years, I have learned two things.

One, the average woman does not enjoy any movie with car chases, gratuitous violence or explosions.

Two, announce to that same woman you have made reservations at your favourite corner restaurant for a romantic liver and onions dinner for two and you are likely to experience all three.

Yes, most women are not fond of liver. In fact, the standard response to liver and onions is "Blech!" Interestingly, this is the same response given when you ask them what they think of your favourite tie.

The tie is understandable – I think it has something to do with the hula dancer – but liver? Why women don't like liver is anyone's guess. I mean the liver is an important internal organ whose major functions include filtering blood and secreting bile. What's not to like?

I guess this will always remain a mystery to me. All I know is that this disdain for that organ is probably the major reason I can't get investors to back my idea for a national chain of fast food restaurants that specialize in liver-based cuisine. Which is too bad because I really thought The Livery was a catchy name.

In any case, here I am all alone with liver defrosting on the counter as we speak.

Later on today, I'm going to the grocery store to choose just the right onion. That onion, by the way, will cost double the price of the liver. (Did I mention there'd be high profit margins for those who invested in The Livery?)

The onion will come from the far reaches of Spain and be a perfect partner to the dish. When sliced, it will provide more than enough rings to compliment that delicious slab of liver, which I spent almost a dollar on. It will also bring tears to my eyes – if done right – for days.

I'll combine the liver and onions on a plate with mashed potatoes and canned peas and I'll have reached the pinnacle of home cooked bachelor meals. (Cold pizza comes in a close second.)

Ladies, just so you know, this is what we do when you are gone on those long trips. I know we tell you that we will immerse ourselves in work, catch up on our reading or surf the Internet for things we're ashamed to tell you about – like Leaf stats for instance. But that's only because we know that liver and onions is still one of those things that causes you to look at us funny.

And that's something we'd rather not have.

Perhaps liver and onions only serves to remind you that we still have a wild, untamable side that also likes to order baked beans, pickled eggs and other culinary delights you don't see on the menu at your finer restaurants.

Look on the bright side though. Things could be a whole lot worse – pork hock prices could come down.



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Loon Tales



pic of the past

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letters to the editor

Don't forget classical musicians

To the Editor,

Haliburton has welcomed even more Juno award winners and nominees than Lynda Shad-bolt mentioned in her column last week (Green Meadow, March 31). Lynda included mainly performers from the folk and country genres, but we've also had many from the classical genre.

The Haliburton Concert Series presents classical music performers each year, including many Juno award winners and nominees. All of the concerts in its 2015 season include Juno nominees or winners! The Gryphon Trio (May 2) won the Juno for Classical Album of the Year in 2004 and 2011. The Elmer Iseler Singers (Sept. 26) were nominated in 2011. Peter Tiefenbach of the piano duo Kortgaard

and Tiefenbach (Oct. 25) was nominated in 1993.

Performers in recent years have included these nominees and winners: pianists Marc-Andre Hamelin, David Jalbert, Jamie Parker, and Robert Silverman, soprano Suzie LeBlanc, mezzo-soprano Jean Stilwell, flautist Susan Hoeppner, violinist Scott St. John, trumpeter Guy Few, and bassoonist Nadina Mackie Jackson.

Our little community is indeed fortunate to have the opportunity to hear so many gifted performers.

Elaine Bell
Haliburton Concert Series
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More letters to the Editor on page 8

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points of view

Paying kindness forward

To the Editor,

Hello my name is Jack Gmuzdek I am 9 and I'm in Grade 4 French immersion. Today I am going to tell you about the SIRCH Cook it Up program at Baked and Battered. I appreciate it a lot. So this is the story of how I came to like Peruvian food. It all started one morning before school my mom was on the computer. On Facebook we saw something and that something was food! I love food, so I went to school and at 10:35 a.m. my mom picked me up from school to go to Cook it Up. We had Peruvian food. The waitresses were very nice and Janine Papadopoulos, who works there came up to us and said this is about gratitude. I saw many people that I knew and we were talking and laughing. This program inspired me to show more gratitude. I got a menu and on the right side of the menu there were these questions;

1. Have you ever had someone do something for you out of kindness?
2. How did you or will you pay it forward?
3. How has dining at the Cook It Up restaurant changed your image of our

- community?
4. What are you grateful for today?
 5. What does being grateful mean to you?
- These are my answers to the questions.
1. Yes Janine Papadopoulos was being very kind to me and my mom.
 2. I will tell all of my classmates about it.
 3. Helping each other more like a team.
 4. The people who made the food.
 5. Being happy that somebody did something nice to you.
- What are your answers?
- Special thanks to SIRCH and cook it up for creating this program. Each Monday you can go to Baked and Battered to have a magnificent meal. It is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There's also an appetizer lovely drinks and desserts. I highly recommend going to this program! Every week they have different foods such as Indian, Mexican and Peruvian. It is amazing the food is free and at the end you get a gift and you're giving a gift by your presence!

Jack Gmuzdek



Easter egg hunting at Curry's

Children of all ages attended the first annual Currys Easter Egg Hunt held on Sunday, April 5. There was 2000 plastic eggs hidden throughout the parking lot of Currys Chevrolet. The children collected 10 eggs each and traded them in for a kite and goodie bag. They then had free photos taken with the Easter bunny. All participants were offered free face painting and tattoos and had Razberry the clown making balloons for all the children. All of the activities offered were free for the families on behalf of Bill and Julie Campbell (owners of Currys) and donations were accepted, totalling \$111.25 that will be donated to the Canadian Tire Jumpstart fund. /Photo submitted

V&S news saddens reader

To the Editor,

I am saddened to hear of the possible closing of V & S. They have been a cornerstone business for years. I guess we are all getting what we deserve. When people boast about how they got some item cheaper online or that it is cheaper in Peterborough or Barrie the result is the closing of another business.

If the trend continues in small town retail, we won't have the choice of shopping locally but will have to drive to larger centres. Thank you Andy and staff for a good job well done.

Barry Hart

Hockeyville thanks

To the Editor;

Thank you, thank you, thank you.....
To all of you who put forth your time and efforts, voting and supporting Haliburton for the title of Hockeyville 2015. Your support is sincerely appreciated by all of us who were working on this.

Although we didn't make it into the finals, we have much to be proud of, getting as far as we did and at least earning \$25,000 for our arena, which will allow the municipality to complete further important improvements to the arena's efficiency.

I rather suspected that Chatham Kent would be the entry to beat when the Top 10 were announced. Not only are they a much larger centre than ours, but their arena also hosts a junior B team, which would add greatly to their devoted fan base. Also, worth noting was that they were identified their town with their county, of Kent. If we had tried that, we would have to call ourselves "Haliburton Haliburton," which would have been rather confusing.

Having said that, I find myself coming back to the issue of fragmented support in our community for such efforts such as this, that Charlie Teljeur talked about recently in an editorial piece. This "fragmenting" of support was evident in this latest effort and I have no way of knowing if it would have made a difference, but I do know it was a fac-

tor. We can't hope to get past the disadvantage of having such a small population base without all working together as a team!

The Highland Storm Pee Wee Hockey Team just won an all Ontario OMHA championship on Saturday afternoon. Those 12-year-old athletes are from all around the county and they worked their magic together as a team to accomplish this distinction and I applaud them for it. All Ontario championships don't come often and certainly don't come without a great deal of teamwork all season long! We adults could take away a good lesson in teamwork from their success.

Finally, I want to acknowledge Tamara Wilbee and her extended team for their exceptional effort in this exciting endeavour. I was very proud and pleased that the Hockeyville judges chose to put my name and words on their website as the nominator but the heavy lifting and the original nomination plus the major promotion was done out of Tamara's office and we wouldn't really have gotten off the ground without their involvement.

Thanks again to all of you. It's been quite a ride.

Bob Stinson
Haliburton

Ev @ 92

Well, finally I've made it to 92,
Now what do you think I'm going to do?
Carry on with the very busy life I've led,
Or admit I'm tired and stay in bed?
My life seems to consist of going out to eat,
And okay, those eating places can't be beat,
Why, once a month Stanhope gives us lunch and bingo too,
And we enjoy everything that they do.
This month I won some money with a lucky ticket,
And three games of bingo, - not a sticky wicket.
Twice a month we go over to Win Yeung's,
They give us so much, we wish we had two tongues.
Yes, we are served so much that we can take home another meal,
And I always think it's a real good deal.
Friday afternoons at the Baptist Church, what a feed,
And it doesn't cost a cent if you are in need.
Every other Saturday at the Legion, 4 to 7,
A real cheap supper and music from heaven.
And don't forget all the churches who cook you up a treat,
You'll all admit they really can't be beat,
But I should cut some of them out, lose some weight, as you can see,
Or I'll never make it to 93.
And what about those BBQs and potlucks here at home,
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Ev Stata 2015



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The Easter Bunny visits Wilberforce during Maple Fest

Easter Bunny Vonda Macleannan making her rounds around Maple Fest is all smiles with chocolate Easter eggs. / Submitted by Sara Gottardi



Laura Howlett, left, Wesley, Kennedy and the Easter bunny Vonda Macleannan enjoy a big breakfast at Maple Fest in Wilberforce on April 4.



Above, Philip Vickers enjoying a coffee and pancakes with butter and maple syrup at Maple Fest. / Submitted by Sara Gottardi

Left, Stella Brain trying on a beautiful necklace from Luann Coghlan's collection of wonderfully found jewelry treasures laid out at the entrance of Maple Fest in Wilberforce on Saturday, April 4. / Submitted by Sara Gottardi

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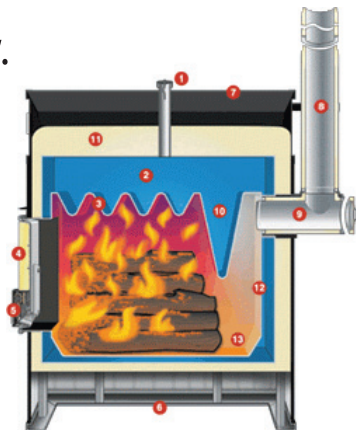
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Thousands in assistance given to keep local homes heated

JENN WATT

Editor

Our deeply cold winter hit those with the fewest resources hard this year, with an increase in calls earlier than usual and about \$7,000 in assistance given through the Haliburton County Heat Bank.

"We definitely saw a spike in calls in February, whereas last year it was more around March," said Tina Jackson, outreach co-ordinator for A Place Called Home.

She said because the weather was consistently cold throughout February, people used up their fuel faster and needed assistance sooner.

Contacted by the paper in March, Jackson said in addition to the \$7,000 in financial assistance given, 38 loads of firewood had been distributed to those without the ability to buy fuel.

Jackson sees a variety of situations and is able to connect people with funding for fuel and other services needed when costs of living threaten homelessness.

She regularly sees Haliburton County residents who are choosing between feeding their families or heating their homes.

There are seldom cases where she cannot help, she says.

"Rarely would I say to a client, I can't help you with this," she says.

"If [the amount needed] exceeds what I can generate ... I partner with the Housing Help Centre or local churches or 4Cs to get additional money."

Since mid-January, A Place Called Home has completed nine applications for LEAP grants, which help those in need who are in arrears with Hydro One.

Additionally, A Place Called Home has granted more than \$2,000 through its Emergency Home Energy Resource Program and "supported applications to the 4Cs of Haliburton County that saw \$5,700 in assistance from that organization for heat and hydro related emergencies," Jackson wrote in an email to the paper.

"I can't tell you how many clients were using diesel in oil tanks," she says. Since calling the fuel company means putting hundreds of dollars in the tank, sometimes people use diesel because they can buy it in small, affordable increments.

The cold weather isn't solely to blame. Jackson says the steadily rising hydro rates are making it hard for many – not only people with low incomes – to pay their bills each month.

Jackson is available to help anyone threatened with homelessness in Haliburton County. She can be reached at 705-306-0565 or tina@apch.ca.

Improving county's outlook

Haliburton County Warden and Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey spoke at the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce Breakfast on Tuesday, March 31 at the Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre. Fearrey recognized the importance of small business to the economic prosperity of the county and encouraged strong customer service. He also wants county council to work more with the chamber when it comes to issues relevant to small businesses. Although hydro costs are hurting business in the Highlands, he is confident that the area will be the "prime cottage destination." /DARREN LUM Staff



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- *Picture shown for this property

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"It just makes good sense to bring like-minded groups together to share their initiatives and perhaps identify some areas where they can create partnerships together... After all, we're all here for the same reason."

~ Gary Slaight, The Slaight Family Foundation, March 6, 2015

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Team good for village's economy: reeve

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since 2006 and has been growing steadily. Laveault mentioned that there were initial bumps along the way, but that the league had hit its stride and is now a good place for players who want to continue playing past the age cutoff of junior A and the Ontario Hockey League.

He said spectators can expect "fast and good hockey" without the fights.

Reeve Murray Fearrey celebrated the new team and wished them well. He said the municipality renovated a dressing room for the team, but that the Wolves had contributed financially to that renovation.

tion. He said the team has already booked ice time with the township.

"It's just been a really good relationship and partnership. We're excited to have them here," said Fearrey.

The team will have 25 players and three goalies on its roster; the players will billet in the community.

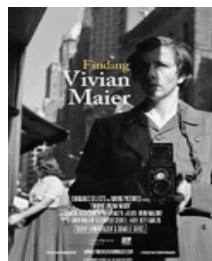
"There's other spinoffs too. They have to buy hockey sticks and they have to eat," Fearrey said.

Laveault recently purchased another GMHL team, which will be based in Bobcaygeon. That team's name has not yet been released.

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Dysart councillors and staff came out to the A.J. LaRue arena on April 2 to welcome the owner of a new junior A team, the Haliburton Wolves. Front row from left, Councillor Nancy Wood-Roberts, Reeve Murray Fearrey, Wolves owner Stephane Laveault. Back row from left, CAO Tamara Wilbee, Councillor Walt McKechnie, Councillor Derek Knowles and Dysart clerk Cheryl Coulson. The Wolves will be part of the Greater Metro Hockey League with first games starting in September 2015. JENN WATT Staff

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Community Builders

Clayton Marsh

JENN WATT

Editor

Clayton Marsh wants to see Gooderham thrive and spends his volunteer hours working toward that goal.

Marsh moved to the countryside near the hamlet about 20 years ago. He found it fulfilling to give his time to Horseshoe Days, a popular summer fun event in the village.

Then in 2012, he joined the bandstand committee, which in two years managed to find the money to build the structure in Gooderham. The \$42,000 structure was funded through a blend of loans, grants and fundraised dollars. The committee is now actively working to pay back the loan from Highlands East, which was initially \$11,000.

Fundraisers have included a Valentine's Day dinner and New Year's dance.

The venue was used to host an ACDC cover band last summer, which is coming back again in July of 2015.

Marsh worries that Gooderham will go the way of so many small villages, slowly draining in population until it reaches "ghost town" status.

He sees the bandstand as a step in the right direction.

"Since we got the bandstand going, we do get more people who live in Gooderham out to the functions," he says.

Marsh says volunteering with the committee is a rewarding experience and since he's retired it gives him something to do with his free time.

"It's boring when you retire and there's nothing to do," he says.



Clayton Marsh is a volunteer in Gooderham. Most recently he helped raise funds for the Gooderham bandstand, but he has also volunteered with the Horseshoe Days. /JENN WATT Staff

Working toward building up the local community ensures his "time is not wasted," he says. "And it's fun for me too."

Notice



HHHSF gets boost from BMO

Representatives from Haliburton's Bank of Montreal present a \$5,000 cheque to Dale Walker, third from right, executive director of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation on March 24. The donation is the first installment of a \$25,000 pledge for the Making Moments Matter campaign, in support of the new palliative care centre. From left, Nelly Ashworth, Julie MacInnes, branch manager Richard Wannan, regional vice president of personal banking for Peterborough/Kawartha/Muskoka Wendy Cooke, Walker, Beth Lee and Kendra Wilson. / ANGELICA BLENICH Staff



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Highlands East offers discovery through GeoTour

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

It's easy to see Joanne Vanier and Mary Barker's passion for Highlands East and for geocaching while they explain their newest event: the Geocaching Capital of Canada GeoTour.

The organizers are excited about this opportunity to show off both with this one event when it formally starts with the kickoff event on May 9 at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre.

This GeoTour is a collection of 100 caches hidden across seven hamlets in Haliburton County and Bancroft.

Once the event starts anyone interested in participating can register, download the entire list of 100 caches and their coordinates and get their passport to document findings for the GeoTour at www.geocachingcapitalofcanada.com. There are also prizes.

Due to proximity, Barker said, geocachers from Toronto, Ottawa, Barrie and North Bay will be drawn to this event.

Generally, GeoTours range from a few up to the maximum of 150 caches.

This tour is one of only 50 around the world and is the sixth Canadian version and second Ontario one.

Vanier said this event is sure to bolster Highlands East and area's moniker as the Geocaching Capital of Canada. With the 100 new caches, the area now has close to 200 caches.

"Because we are the Geocaching Capital of Canada we decided we need to have a GeoTour," Vanier said.

She calls geocaching the perfect game for people of all ages and abilities.

It appeals to "three-year-olds and 83-year-olds. Anybody can geocache because you go online and pick out caches that appeal to you. So, if you're in a wheelchair you pick caches with a one star that are easy. If you're an adventure seeker you look for caches with five stars that might have you climbing mountains and scuba diving and doing all

sorts of things," she said.

It's likened to treasure hunting with a high tech twist because geocachers use a smartphone with an app or a dedicated GPS unit to find hidden caches using provided coordinates.

Every cache includes a notebook where players will write their name and date and then exchange items with what is in the cache with what they brought. Once home geocachers log their find on geocaching.com.

There are more than six million geocachers around the world with more than two million hidden caches globally.

Serious geocachers will have their own devices and smartphone apps, but those without can rent GPS units at Agnew's General Store in Wilberforce. Cost is \$5 a day. Calling ahead to check for availability is recommended, but not necessary.

Although geocaching is free, putting on a GeoTour costs a little more than \$5,000 (US) that provides hosting geocaching.com for one year. Next year, another \$2,500 is necessary for the hosting to continue and so on.

Vanier co-ordinated and helped build caches for the event and applied for funding, which came from Haliburton County Development Corporation, Rural Economic Development (provincial and federal governments), Algonquin Gateway Business Association and the municipality of Highlands East.

They have been working on this event for the past year, coming up with 100 unique and intriguing caches that are far from typical. Not to mention constructing and installing the caches in places that are picturesque. There is a diversity to the 100 caches, rated from one to four (one being wheelchair accessible and higher ratings requiring wading or a kayak), which includes three caches that can only be done at night.

Some demand problem solving and patience to acquire the code words.

Although they are appreciative of their husbands Mike Vanier and John Barker and friend Fred Teusink, the pair did the bulk of the work, acquiring the funding, locating materials, or the final installation of caches.

Both of them have invested countless hours.

"It's been our life," she said.

The contents inside every cache is different and can change from one person to the next, as geocachers exchange what they find when they discover the cache with something else.

Caches are not necessarily at eye level so participants need to look around.

"The caches are designed that they aren't just quick grabs," Barker said. "There will be some people who will rush in and do them all in one day or do all in one weekend because they are designed to take your time we're hoping that it will bring people back over and over and over again. So, it will take them maybe a year, or two years to find all 100 caches."

The popularity of the tour among geocachers, she hopes, will mean the tour will have people come for up to five years.

Vanier hopes this event will be a marketing vehicle that will bring new visitors to discover the area.

"We want to expose them to what this area has to offer with geocaching and beyond geocaching," Barker said.

The event website (geocachingcapitalofcanada.com) is linked to Haliburton County website, the municipality of Highlands East website and Algonquin Gateway Business Association.

For the future, Vanier said, the caches won't change, but there might be more added to the GeoTour to have 150 caches, which will correspond to the 150th birthday for Canada in 2017.

There is a possibility for the start of other GeoTours in the area.

Barker said even if the GeoTour doesn't officially continue the caches will continue to be available.

"There's lots of possibility for the future," she said.



Event organizer Joanne Vanier holds a notepad at one of the 100 caches hidden for the Geocaching Capital of Canada GeoTour that starts on May 9 in Highlands East and area. This GeoTour, which features event mascot Tupper T. Turtle pictured, is just one of a little more than 50 around the world and the sixth in Canada.

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April events keep students at WES busy

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They just kept coming all morning- for breakfast then lunch. Though sunny, the cold April wind on Easter Saturday didn't encourage outdoor pursuits. They came from neighbouring villages, some back from southern vacations, back to check the cottage, home to reconnect with families and friends. The community hall in Wilberforce welcomed them for a hearty meal, for a bit of shopping and a pleasant opportunity to mingle, to chat, to linger for a while and see how everyone had survived the winter.

They broused for a tasty pie or some ginger cookies, found an enticing piece of jewelery, discovered a gift for

a friend, supported a local project or just enjoyed another free coffee while learning about making maple syrup.

Maple Fest was a success, a good time again. By now the organizers and workers may be rested and pleased with a job well done. Thanks to all of them and to all supporters including the unseen ones such as the folks at the local diner who pitched in again this year. Hope the whole Easter weekend was a fulfilling one for all.

Churches in the area celebrated this holiest of seasons with services that ranged from solemn Good Friday to joyous Easter Sunday ones. At St. Margaret's the uplifting music supported the message. Organist Bill Gliddon arranged a choir that included talented singers some from an earlier service at St. George in Haliburton and some who continued on at the local United Church service. With Mark Bramham's trumpet accompaniment the selections included the Hallelujah Chorus. How rousing!

April is shaping up to be a busy month at the Wilberforce School. Their newsletter tells us that they will be celebrating Earth Day on the 22nd, learning about ways to care for the earth such as packing litterless lunches and turning off lights when not needed.

Guests on April 21 will help students learn about and celebrate First Nations, Metis and Inuit cultures. Beginning with an opening ceremony at the Lloyd Watson Centre there will be hands on activities and guest speakers.

On April 17 the Grade 8 students will have pictures taken for their graduation celebrations which are fast approaching. How time flies.

Students again took part in the annual Battle of the Books. The Junior team taking part on March 31 included Taylor Donaldson, Tianna Huser & Sydney Little with leader Mrs. Foulds. The intermediate team that took part on April 1st was Brooke Billings, Lexi Rogers, Halle Dale and Bryden Rodgers with leader Mrs. Wilkes.

All these exciting activities to add to their basic lessons. We are sure there will be stories and poetry to write, music and art to explore as well as history and geography aspects to these special events.

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March 28 was the special day for John Cooper and Sandra Pripp who were married at the Community Centre 'midst a great number of guests by the Rev. Harold Morgan. Attendants for the bridal pair were Dwayne Hayes and Don Miller and Sheila Burk and Esther Sipe. Congratulations and best wishes of the community to the happy couple.

On March 31, at Abbey Gardens a group of farmers, past and present, met to record some of the former ways and contrast them to today's customs on the farm. Bryan Barlow led the group consisting of Carmen Lee and daughter, Carol Lee, Godfrey Tyler, Grant McCrae and Earl Cooper as they recognized past contributions

of older days on the farm. Their conversation centered, in part, around facts of historical interest. The local Farmer's Association will continue to foster further meetings to expand various aspects of farming in the area.

The Community Centre's board met on March 30 at the Centre. Walt McKechnie is now our councillor representative for the committee. Lynn Morrison continues in her outstanding work as treasurer and Tanya Sisson is at the helm as president. Marlene Maxwell takes charge of bookings. Sadly, we need to acknowledge Nancy Brink's illness, and while no one can really replace her, someone is needed to plan the summer Craft & Bake sale. The job involves phone calls to former vendors, so volunteer and find out how easy that is!

In the new Progress 2015 there are many well written articles, one of which concerns the Emergency Services by Steve Galea. The article on the Pan Am games is of interest to all kayak and canoe slalom fans when the white waterway presents its challenges in the competition July 18 to 19.

Euchre scores:

High - Sandy Poulton and John Kerr

Low - Eleanor Cooper and Perry Morrison

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Wilberforce Legion receives \$50,000 Trillium grant to upgrade building

The Royal Canadian Legion, Douglas C. Hatch, Branch 624 of Wilberforce is pleased to announce their approval for an Ontario Trillium foundation grant. Chair Hilary Klapow and Trillium Fund Committee members Richard Young, Janette Packard and Ken Langford worked diligently last fall to complete the complex application and meet all requirements. Their hard work paid off and resulted in a grant of \$49,500. The funds will be used to replace two fire exit doors, renovate and improve accessibility of both washrooms and purchase an automatic propane generator. The generator will allow the Legion

to continue business during a power outage and be used as a warming centre if necessary in an emergency. There was power outage last fall during the Murder Mystery Night, which resulted in \$1,400 in donations toward the generator.

Work at the Legion should begin in the next two - three weeks but we will be open for business as usual. We look forward to an open house upon completion and will keep the community updated on our progress!

Janette Packard also chaired a committee along with Richard Young and Ken Langford last spring which was successful in obtaining a grant of \$3,102.85 from the Haliburton County Development Corporation. Those funds were used to purchase a glass washer and do some badly needed renovations in the bar area.

Submitted

A team of dedicated volunteers worked on securing a substantial grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to help improve the Wilberforce Legion. From left to right, Ken Langford, Hilary Klapow, Janette Packard and Richard Young / Photo Submitted



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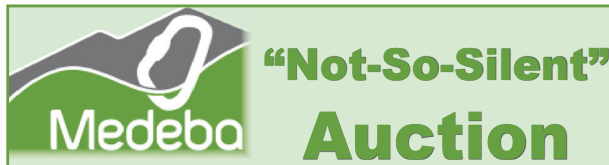
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Congratulations Josh, your accomplishments in the last ten years are outstanding! With much love and pride from Mom and Dad (Jackie and Tim Mayhew), Luke, Jillian, Grandma and Grandpa (Evelyn and Don Mayhew) and LeeAnna Rupert.

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Sue is missed and remembered by her mother, sisters, brothers, children, husband and friends.

She was a great comfort to us in our times of need and we tried to comfort her.

As Sue said "It can't last forever and I will always be with you."



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Curtis 'Curt' Rhora (Resident of Eagle Lake, Ontario)

Suddenly at home on Wednesday evening, March 25, 2015 in his 65th year. Beloved husband of Lois. Loving father of Brayden (Emily). Cherished grandfather of Kathleen and James. Dear brother of Cathy Fletcher (John), Robert Fletcher and Brian Fletcher. Fondly remembered by his many nieces, nephews, other family and friends. Predeceased by his parents Clifford and Freda Rhora and step-father Orval Fletcher. Curt enjoyed cars, woodworking, spending time with family and friends.

Visitation & Private Memorial Service

Friends may call at EMMANUEL BIBLE CHURCH 24 Churchill Circle, Simcoe, Ontario, on Friday, April 17, 2015 from 6 - 8 p.m. A Private Memorial Service will be held at a later date. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Ontario Lung Association would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy 118, Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209.

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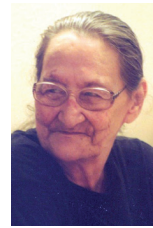
Gisella 'Gigi' Sgroi (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

Peacefully at home on Wednesday morning, March 25, 2015 in her 43rd year. Loving daughter of George and Sylvia Claridge and Anita and Frank Sgroi. Dear sister of Nancy Bull (Dave), Linda Davison (Eric), Brian Claridge (Caroline), Doug Claridge (Holly), Ermi Dibuono (Joe), Mary Quattrociocchi, and Tony Sgroi. Fondly remembered by her many nieces, nephews, other family and friends. Gigi loved music, especially Christmas music; dancing and spending time with family and friends.

Celebration of Life

Friends are invited to a Celebration of Gigi's Life at ST. PETER'S ANGLICAN CHURCH 25 St. Peter's Road, Maple Lake, Ontario on Saturday, April 11, 2015 at 2 o'clock. As expressions of sympathy, donations to Extendicare - Proud Pioneers or Community Living Haliburton County would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy 118, Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209

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In Loving Memory of

Maizie Betty Jean Austen (nee Harrison)

Passed away suddenly from an aneurysm at the Minden Hospital on Saturday, March 28, 2015. In her 79th year.

Beloved wife of the late Walter Austen and David Lester. Dear mother of Patricia (Brad) Van Steenburg, Crystal (Terry) Hunt and Mary Lou (Robert) Clark. Loving grandma of Robbie, David, Crystal, Jennifer, Jeffrey and many great grandchildren. Dear sister of Gloria, June, Barb, Lois and predeceased by John, Bill and Lynn. Fondly remembered by her many family and friends.

It was Maizie's wish for a Private Family Graveside Service at Twelve Mile Lake Cemetery. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Trees Ontario would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, K0M 2K0.



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In Loving Memory of

Frederick Patullo

After a long and wonderful life, Fred passed away peacefully on March 27, 2015 at the age of 91.

Beloved husband of the late Rachel "Rae" Cummings. Much loved father of the late Donald "Don" and Anne, with Wolfgang Schroth of Glattbach, Germany. Adored grandpa to his cherished granddaughter, Alexandra. Sadly missed by family and friends.

Fred was born in Kirkcaldy, Scotland to John and Isabella (Wissert) on August 3rd, 1923. He was an only child until his mother remarried Sandy Wallace, who was a widower with four children. He had an enjoyable childhood in Scotland. Fred was a WWII Veteran, working as a wireless operator and air gunner. In 1947, he married his beloved wife Rachel "Rae" Cummings and in the same year their first child, Donald was born. Fred wanted a better life for his family, so he immigrated to Canada in 1954, living and working in Timmins, Ontario. Two of Rae's brothers and their families followed shortly thereafter. Later Fred and extended family relocated to Southern Ontario, to Mississauga, where his daughter Anne was born. In 1963, Fred bought a cottage in the Haliburton Highlands, on Black Lake, near Moore Falls. He loved the area and the great outdoors. When Fred turned 50, he and his family moved to Norland and opened Cross Roads Antiques. He and Rae owned and operated their local business for several decades and became active members in the community. Fred was honoured for his many years of service in the Norland Volunteer Fire Department. He loved and appreciated nature with all its unspoiled beauty. Fred cared deeply for all the creatures that entered his life and household throughout the years. After his daughter Anne married Wolfgang, he became a grandfather to Alexandra. He travelled frequently, first alongside Rae, and later alone to Germany, visiting Austria, Switzerland, France, England and Scotland.

At the end of 2009, Fred's health took a turn for worst. During the early spring of 2010, Fred became a resident of Hyland Crest in Minden. He has resided there, with the loving, professional and truly kind care of the many individuals working and volunteering there until his parting.

In keeping with Fred's wishes, cremation has taken place. Along with a Scottish Bagpiper, the immediate family will have a ceremony Celebrating Fred's Life at a later date. As an expression of sympathy, donations to a charity of your choice would be greatly appreciated. Please visit the Book of Memories at www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com



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Beverley 'Bev' Bacon (Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

It is with heavy hearts that the family announce Bev's passing at the Haliburton Hospital on Saturday morning, April 4, 2015 in her 72nd year. Beloved wife of Lyle. Loving mother of Susan Gibb, Ted Parish (Karen), Murray Parish (Kim), Sarah Parish; Trudy Bacon, Sandy Bacon. Cherished grandmother of 13 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. Fondly remembered by her many nieces, nephews, other family and friends. Predeceased by her parents Hubert and Ruth Alton. Bev had a very caring heart and her door was always open to help people who needed a place to stay or a home cooked meal.

Private Family Gathering

As per Bev's wishes, a private family gathering has taken place. As expression of sympathy, donations to the HHHSF - Palliative Care Unit would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME** 13523 Hwy 118, Haliburton, Ontario 705-457-9209.

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Wayne Precoor

(Owner/Operator Fred Stone Automotive/ Instructor Durham College MVM. Retired 2011)

Passed quietly with his family around him at home on Monday March 16th, 2015 in his 69th year.

Loving husband of Gail Precoor (nee Ormiston) for 45 years. Loved Dad of Kelly Precoor and Trevor Smith of Claremont and Kevin Precoor and his wife Jenna of Brooklin. Dear brother of Alex, John, Lorraine, Mabel, Clarence, Christena, Judy, Bonnie and Susan. Pre-deceased by Shirley and Frank.

Visitation and a celebration service was held at **Barnes Memorial Funeral Home**, 5295 Thicksen Rd. N. Whitby. Interment followed at Groveside Cemetery.

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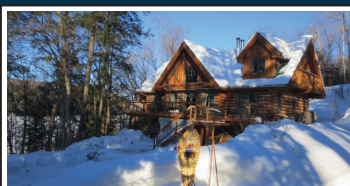
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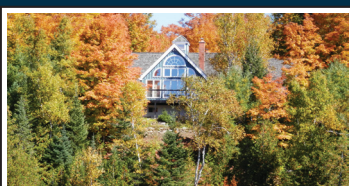
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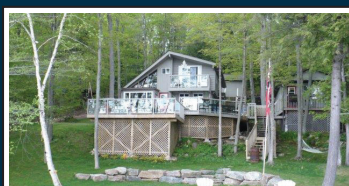
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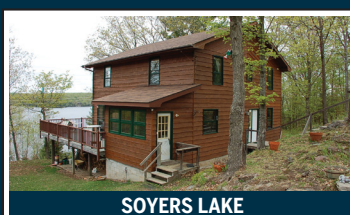
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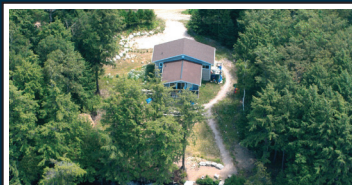
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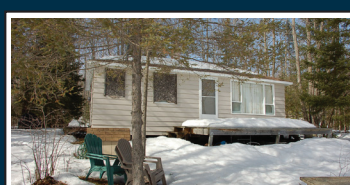
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Sprawling 5BR bungalow with many upgrades. Dbl det garage. Huge deck. Very spacious family home. Lake access nearby.
\$165,000



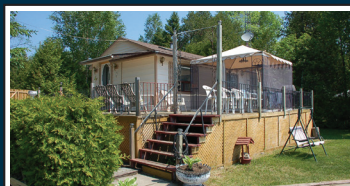
MINNICOCK LAKE

Total privacy. 170' frtg, natural treed lot. Crown Land & share in 88 ac. Low maint Royal Home construction. Winterized 2 Bedrm.
\$298,000



HALIBURTON LAKE

Very cute & clean 2BR cottage on water's edge. Private. Upgrades to cottage. Enjoy it year round. Great opportunity on this popular lake.
\$282,500



GREEN LAKE

Year round waters edge cott/home with gorgeous sand beach. Full w/o basement. Wrap around deck. Near golf course, ski hill, & shopping.
\$279,900



PINE AVE, HALIBURTON

Newly renovated, great neighbourhood. Nice curb appeal. 3 bedrm, large screen porch. All on one level, landscaped, private back yard.
\$214,900



CHARMING HALIBURTON HOME

Walk to amenities, great home-business location. 2 stry, 3BR, totally renovated. Clawfoot tub, pellet stove, Covered verandah. Great character.
\$248,500



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